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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY REACTION TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU VISIT
TO CHINA

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1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU REPORTED ON HIS PRC VISIT TO
PARLIAMENT OCT 19 ALONG LINES OF HIS PEKING PRESS
CONFERENCE (REFTEL). PRIMIN TRUDEAU ADDED THAT A
CANADIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER IS ALREADY ENROUTE FROM
OTTAWA TO PEKING TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW PRC/GOC UNDERSTANDING
RELATING TO THE REUNION OF FAMILIES. TRUDEAU ALSO
REITERATED THAT THE "DIVERSIFICATION AND ENJOYMENT OF
CANADA'S NEW TIES WITH CHINA WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH
THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH WE ENJOY
WITH THOSE SEVERAL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE SPECIAL
TIES." TRUDEAU SAID THAT THE GULF IN CANADA-PRC RELATIONS
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HAS BEEN FOUND "ALL TOO OFTEN IN THE MINDS OF THOSE OF

US WHO ARE UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE THE MAGNITUDE OF ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT REVOLUTIONS IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD AND THE EXTENSION OF BASIC HUMAN AMENITIES TO HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PERSONS TO WHOM THESE HAVE BEEN DENIED FOR MILLENNIA."

2. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER ROBERT STANFIELD CONGRATULATED TRUDEAU ON HIS VISIT BUT NOTED THAT WHEN HE VISITED CHINA IN 1970, HE HAD FOUND THAT AN "IDENTIFIABLE AND ACTIVE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WAS A RATHER FOREIGN CONCEPT." STANFIELD WAS COMPLIMENTARY OF THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THE TRUDEAU VISIT BUT NOTED, WITH CONCERN, THAT "THERE WAS NO MENTION IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS OF NUCLEAR BOMB TESTING IN CHINA." STANFIELD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CANADA WOULD BE AS EMPHATIC WITH CHINA AS IT WAS WITH FRANCE OVER ITS LATEST TEST SERIES.

3. NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER DAVID LEWIS ALSO CONGRATULATED PRIMIN TRUDEAU ON HIS VISIT AND COMMENDED THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE AGREEMENTS REACHED. LEWIS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE U.S. SOON WOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE CHINA. LEWIS WAS PARTICULARLY COMPLIMENTARY OF PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S STATEMENT THAT THE PRC HAD EXTENDED BASIC HUMAN AMENITIES TO HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PERSONS.

4. SOCIAL CREDIT LEADER REAL CAOUETTE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREED TO DURING THE VISIT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN HOWEVER, OVER THOSE PORTIONS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT COMPLIMENTARY OF THE CHINESE REVOLUTION. CAOUETTE SAID "THERE IS NO FREEDOM SUCH AS OURS IN CHINA. I THINK IT A BIT MUCH TO PRAISE A REVOLUTION BECAUSE THE COUNTRY WHICH MADE IT IS LARGE." CAOUETTE COMPARED THE REVOLUTION IN CHINA WITH THE REVOLUTION WHICH SEPARATISTS ARE TRYING TO FOMENT IN QUEBEC. HE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO REVOLUTIONS WHETHER THEY BE IN QUEBEC OR CHINA. HE SAID "WHEN COMMUNISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOODY REVOLUTIONS THEY ARE APPLAUDED BY CANADIAN SOCIALISTS."

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5. DURING HOUSE QUESTION PERIOD PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS CRITIC CALUDE WAGNER ASKED IF PRIMIN TRUDEAU HAD DISCUSSED THE STOPPAGE OF NUCLEAR TESTS WITH THE CHINESE. TRUDEAU SAID "I HAVE DEFENDED IN GENERAL CANADA'S POINT OF VIEW ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION. I DID NOT SPECIFICALLY BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN CHINA BY CHINA."
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